

**EYES AND INDUSTRY**—Formerly *Industrial Ophthalmology*. By Hedwig S. Kuhn, M.D., Industrial Ophthalmologist, Hammond, Indiana. With 151 Text Illustrations including 3 Color Plates. Second Edition. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1950. \$8.50.

With industrial ophthalmology becoming a very important part of our industrial life, a book of this type is very worthwhile.

The author is one of the pioneers in this field and her views will be well received. The book is divided into 11 chapters and 378 pages. The context is similar to the first edition with improvements and additions. The practical observations of the needs of workers doing specific jobs is clearly explained. The method of analysis of such a job case is particularly lucid.

The safety program including goggle types is very well done. The treatment of industrial injuries is essentially unchanged.

The book stresses preventative ophthalmology, visual correction and visual skill testing in a concise and simple manner and is recommended for all ophthalmologists.

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**SEX WITHOUT FEAR**. By S. A. Lewin, M.D., and John Gilmore, Ph.D. Lear Publishers, Inc., 105 East 15th St., New York, N. Y., 1950. \$3.00.

This small volume is intended as a guide to those about to be married. It presents the anatomical and physiological aspects of procreation in a clear and understandable manner, and can be heartily recommended on that score. The illustrations are well done and fulfill their mission. Just what the virtue of the small line drawings accompanying the text may be escapes the reviewer, but they may be decorative.

To what degree the subject lends itself to frank discussion by the prospective marital partners, as advocated by the authors, it is hard to say. Perhaps this varies with the background of the individual, but I am sure there are still some of us old-fashioned enough to feel that a little of the veil of illusion may not be amiss in this department.

It is certain that the authors will fall afoul of the psychoanalysts with their opinion, set forth dogmatically, that a vaginal orgasm is not a necessary part of the sexual act. Who is in the right is a question that will probably never be settled.

The book is far superior to most "bride's manuals," and can be safely placed in the hands of any reasonably literate adult.

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**CYTOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS OF LUNG CANCER**. By Seymour Farber, M.D., Milton Rosenthal, M.D., Edwin F. Alston, M.D., Mortimer A. Benioff, M.D., and Allen K. McGrath, Jr., M.D., from the University of California Medical Service and the Department of Pathology, San Francisco Hospital and the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Illinois. 1950. \$6.00.

The authors of this 60-page monograph, which includes 60 colored photographs, have in 11 chapters summarized very well the clinical and cytologic diagnosis of bronchogenic carcinoma. The greater part of the book is used for the discussion of the preparation of smears from sputum and bronchial secretions, and in the details of the malignant and other cells to be found in such smears. This part of the book should serve as a very useful text for those laboratorians who conduct such examinations, and at the same time it should be of interest to clinicians submitting specimens, in order that they may learn the necessity of examination of fresh material, and some of the problems involved in making a cytologic diagnosis.

The final chapters in the book discuss the clinical material and the reliability of the smear examination, and these

portions should interest the internists and thoracic surgeons. The results were obtained on 1,254 cases studied by cytologic technique, and clinically observed over a long period of time.

The colored plates are fairly satisfactory, and the discussion throughout the book is concise. The authors in the last paragraph reiterate the warning of others—that long experience is necessary for cytologic examination to be reliable; and they urge that utmost caution be used until positive diagnoses are justified by the experience of the examiner.

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**UROLOGICAL SURGERY**. By Austin Ingram Dodson, M.D., F.A.C.S., Professor of Urology, Medical College of Virginia, Urologist to the Hospital Division, Medical College of Virginia. With contributions by twelve others. Second Edition. 645 Illustrations. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1950. \$13.50.

This successful text has been improved by revision. All the more frequently employed urologic operations are described and a high proportion of them are illustrated by suitably diagrammatic drawings. The selection of techniques has been a personal one, so that certain rather widely used procedures (such as the intubated ureterostomy of Davis and the newer open uretero-enterostomies of Nesbit, Cordonnier, and Hinman, Jr.) have been less fully described. As in the previous edition, perhaps too much space has been devoted to description of the disease process, space which might better be used in more detailed step-by-step description of the operation. However, this, the only book of its kind now in print, is one the full-time and occasional urologist should own.

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**TECHNIQUES IN BRITISH SURGERY**. Edited by Rodney Maingot, F.R.C.S. Illustrated. W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia. 1950. \$15.00.

This first edition is edited by Rodney Maingot, surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, London. It is composed of a series of articles on special subjects. Twenty-nine eminent British surgeons have collaborated in it. They have not attempted to cover contemporary British surgery; instead, they describe certain operations and techniques favored by them.

The volume is divided into four parts and has 32 chapters. The section on neck operations includes only the thyroid gland, and the abdominal section does not describe any operations upon the biliary system except for ampullary carcinoma. Numerous illustrations, diagrams, and roentgenograms are used to illuminate the text, with special emphasis on technique. The part devoted to the thorax is very well done, and contains chapters by such well known men as Keynes, Sellors, and Price Thomas. Boyd has done an excellent chapter on senile and diabetic gangrene.

It is a difficult book to evaluate since it is not broad enough in scope to be useful for the general surgeon, nor is it specialized enough to satisfy the specialist. All surgeons, however, will find much to interest them.

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**ELEMENTS OF MEDICAL MYCOLOGY**. By Jacob Hyams Swartz, M.D., Assistant Professor of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School and Postgraduate School. Second Edition. Grune & Stratton, New York, 1949. \$5.50.

The attributes of this book are its clarity and simplicity. It will be of use to those who want a thumbnail sketch of medical mycology with special attention to the dermatophytes. The book is quite sketchy, especially with the "deep mycoses," like coccidioidomycosis, and most California physicians would learn little from those sections. For those who are beginning in the field, this book would be helpful, especially if they were focusing attention on the dermatophytes.